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Some More Campaign Tactics Adopted By Clarke Forces

His Supporters at Fort Smith Would Mislead Old Confederate Soldiers by Claiming Their Friends Had Paid for a Double Page Ad. Asserted Fort Smith Paper That Jephtha Evans Will be the United States Marshal.



The following news story appeared on the front page of the Fort Smith Times-Record on Thursday, March 19th. The voters can draw their own conclusion as to whether this method is in keeping with that high plane campaign of a "thoroughbred."

POSTOFFICE APPLICANTS PAYING FOR CLARKE'S AD.

(Fort Smith Times-Record).

A two-page advertisement in the interest of the candidacy of James P. Clarke of Little Rock for re-election to the United States Senate was published in last Sunday's issue of the Southwest American, the official Clarke organ. It was signed "Note: These two pages are contributed by the friends of the Confederate Veterans." Interesting gossip and speculation has since been rife in local political circles.

A man representing himself as the "advertising manager" of the Southwest American last Saturday called on several men who are applicants for the appointment of postmaster of this city. To one of these candidates he displayed a list bearing, among others, the following names:

W. J. Johnson,
J. V. Bourland,
S. Winters,
Will Luce.
To this candidate he represented

that the names of the persons attached to the list had or would contribute toward the payment of a double-page advertisement for Mr. Clarke in the Southwest American. This ad was to be signed by "Friends of Mr. Clarke," according to the candidate he solicited. He also stated, according to the applicant already quoted, that "Col. Decker," editor of the Southwest American and head of the Clarke column in Arkansas newspapers, would write a letter to Mr.

Clarke giving the names of "his friends" who contributed to pay for the advertisement. The assessment, or contributions, ranged from \$2.50 to \$10.00.

Will Luce and S. Winters are applicants for the local postoffice. W. J. Johnson is an applicant for appointment as United States marshal for the western district of Arkansas and chairman of the Democratic county central committee. J. V. Bourland was appointed United States district

attorney for western Arkansas by Mr. Clarke. Last week he was engaged in touring Faulkner county making speeches for Clarke.

Another interesting bit of news in the present campaign was heard in Fort Smith today when it was asserted that Jephtha H. Evans of Booneville, for 20 years a circuit judge, was to be named United States marshal by Mr. Clarke. Judge Evans has made several speeches in the interest of Clarke's candidacy.

A paper in northeast Arkansas published the following editorial in its issue of this week, which is food for thought:

"Down with the filibusters of genuine Democracy and, with gladness for the people's candidate for the senatorial toga, Judge W. F. Kirby. His strength has grown with every day since the campaign was launched and all of the Clarke truck-raking has but made his position stronger with the common people. It has been a desperate, final battle for the 'Big I' of the Senate but he has lost. Although Uncle Sam and the tax payers have paid for his campaign managers and although he has at last taken a surprising interest in his people, his political death knell is sounded. The people, hoodwinked once, positively refuse to be taken in again. They know that for their own interests, a change in the United States Senate is absolutely necessary. They know that with the present senator installed for another six years they must suffer while the 'Big I' gets all that is possible for himself and hands out the patronage despite party faithfulness to those of his henchmen who have assisted in the game of blind man's bluff with the common people. The candidacy of W. F. Kirby takes fresh bounds every day. The day is almost here and the last gasps of Clarke are amusing. It is rightfully, but a dying gasp as the people show their hands for their own loyal candidate, Judge Kirby, and relegate Senator Clarke to oblivion."

THE CRACK OF THE RINGMASTER'S WHIP!

This campaign is now drawing rapidly to a close, and in the history of Arkansas' many political fights it occupies a unique position. In no other race has the question of federal patronage played so prominent a part. The power given to Senator Clarke by the people in electing him to the office of United States senator is being used in his campaign for re-election as a "sword of Damocles" to force active support from every applicant for federal appointment. From the best information obtainable, I charge that 132 men in the eastern and western districts of Arkansas have each been led to believe that his chance of receiving this appointment was better than the chance of any other applicant. Wherever influence was most needed some man has been found who was willing to take a chance at this political bait. Just 130 of these are doomed to disappointment.

Senator Clarke's excuse for holding up the appointment of United States marshals is that it is not the policy of the administration to turn out Republican office holders until their terms have expired. This is merely an excuse. It is absurd. He knows that these Republicans could be put out of power, and he further knows that whether they were put out or not has nothing in the world to do with his recommendation for Democrats to take their places. Why does he not make these recommendations? Is he willing that each one of these Democrats shall be led to believe that he will receive one of these appointments? The only answer is that he is not willing to give the Democrats of Arkansas a square deal. Their disappointment, after the election, will be a matter of indifference to him.

It will be cold comfort when they are told, after the election, that the man next to the man highest up had no authority to promise. They can

then "weep alone."

Not only is this true, with reference to the marshal's jobs, but after recommendations have been made by congressmen for postoffices, it has been made known that the confirmation of these appointees by the Senate would depend upon the action of Senator Clarke. These appointees, in this way, have been led to believe that at least they were dependent upon Senator Clark for the very positions which the congressmen are supposed to dictate.

I believe the people of Arkansas who are for "a free ballot and a fair count" will rise up in their might and condemn such compulsory tactics. Senator Clarke does not believe that the people should ever speak freely about anything where he is concerned, and this conduct, with reference to these "suspended" and deferred Federal appointments, shows what he is willing should be done in order to keep himself in power. It is the untrammelled will of the people that he fears; therefore, he prefers that Mayes and Harmon L. Rammel, the agents of Powell Clayton, and many other of his appointees in postoffices throughout the state should hold on while the whip cracks over the heads of Democratic applicants.

THE RIP VAN WINKLE OF ELEVEN YEARS.

My opponent, Mr. Clarke, has recently completed a speaking tour of South Arkansas. A friend from one of the larger counties of that end of the state, in writing up his visit there, said: "Senator Clarke spoke at Hope yesterday. This was his first visit to this county in 11 years. He said he was giving an account of his stewardship. He has been invited here a number of times to address our citizenship on different questions, but never showed us the courtesy to reply to our letters. A number of people went

out, just to see just what kind of a looking fellow he was, but when he had spoken his first hour and a half many of them becoming tired, left the house. He showed by his actions that he was a stranger among a strange people. The people here feel that he is a "Rip Van Winkle" of 11 years, and had he not had opposition for re-election, would be the Rip Van Winkle of at least 18 years, so far as our people are concerned. Judge Kirby will carry this county by an overwhelming majority."

THE \$60,000 ELECTION STATEMENT.

I charge that the statement made to the voters of the state, that to elect me to the Senate would cost the tax payers of Arkansas \$60,000 to hold a special election is a misrepresentation. Any schoolboy in Arkansas ten years old knows with the general election next September when all state, district and county officers will be elected that it will not cost one penny more to elect my successor. If it should be necessary to hold a Democratic primary to nominate a man for the position, that expense will be paid by the candidates, just as Governor Hays and Mr. Brundidge paid the expenses of the special primary on June 21st of last year. The Clarke forces must be troubled very much to find something to instill into this campaign to prejudice the voters against my election when they would resort to such misstatement of facts as that it will cost the voters \$60,000 to elect my successor if they elect me to the Senate. The first statement they brought out was that it would cost \$40,000; on his campaign card, which is being sent broadcast over the state, they raised the amount to \$60,000, and it is possible that by next Monday it will be raised to \$100,000. I ask my friends to watch out for his more than one hundred federal office seekers and appointees when they make this

statement to the voters in the hopes of securing their support, making them believe that a great calamity will befall the taxpayers when I go to the Senate.

It may be expected that many stunts new in political life to the voters of Arkansas will be pulled off during the remaining three days of the campaign. My friends need not be surprised at any kind of campaign falsehoods circulated. Be on the watchout. Don't be misled. The people of Arkansas are giving me their support, and I am going to be elected by an overwhelming majority. Be active and get the voters to the polls; refute any statement that you hear, being told to make votes against me.

Senator Clarke has evidently exhausted all his resources, having moved his headquarters, swapped campaign managers in the middle of the stream, sending for a man from eastern Arkansas, who evidently knows how to knock the head out of the barrel, and makes a last dying grasp to grab the situation and take the election away from me during the last few days of the battle.

The headless barrel, the promise of Federal jobs, or the guarantees of Federal buildings are worthless, for the people of this state believe "Clarke has had enough," and are going to retire him from serving them in the United States Senate on next Wednesday.

MY FRIENDS IN EVERY PART OF THE STATE ARE STANDING LIKE A "STONEWALL."

WHY SENATOR CLARKE'S APPEAL SIGNED BY FIFTEEN CITIZENS SHOULD BE IGNORED. HIS RECORD CRITICISED.

In today's Little Rock papers is a statement signed by Sam W. Reyburn and fourteen other of Senator Clarke's friends, from different sections of the state, asking whether the Democratic voters of Arkansas are aware that James P. Clarke is president pro tem of the Senate, and is chairman of the Commerce Committee and a member

of the Democratic Steering Committee of that body. And in this article the voters are asked why they should vote against this man who has done so well. I assert he has done well for himself.

The simple and truthful answer to the question asked in this article is, because the gentleman referred to in promoting his own welfare, in placing himself in a position of prominence in that body, of which he is a member, has failed absolutely to do anything for his constituents. It is more than passing strange that he has received for himself all of the benefit while his constituents have received none.

As an evidence of the fact that Senator Clarke has had "an eye single to his own glory," the very committee of which he is chairman, the Commerce Committee according to the senator's own statement, controls the appropriations for rivers and harbors. The last river and harbor bill carried an appropriation of \$43,000,000. Arkansas, in greater need of this appropriation than any other state in the Union, having more navigable rivers and more fertile land dependent for cultivation upon sufficient levees, got not a single dollar for the building of levees in eastern Arkansas, where the people's lands have been flooded, their stock, drowned, their homes washed away, and their crops destroyed for two years recently. At Helena, and within this district, is Senator Clarke's old home and these people are now forced to issue \$400,000 in bonds to protect that town and surrounding country from high water on the Mississippi. The locks on the Ouachita river are now in an unfinished condition. And Senator Clarke, with all his prestige and power, has failed to get any appropriation for their completion. This river flows through Louisiana and Senator Ransdell of that state, whom Senator

Clarke would have the people believe is "small fry" as compared with him,

was able to get sufficient appropriations to complete the locks on the Ouachita river in Louisiana.

These are significant facts. Did the senator trade these \$43,000,000 appropriations for the place which he holds

in the Commerce Committee, or did he just lie supinely on his back while the other members of the Senate bound and gagged him? One thing certain, if the senator possesses the

power that he claims and the power which the chairmanship of this committee indicates, it is indeed remarkable that his people suffer while \$43,000,000 slides through his hands to the LITTLE SENATORS from other states. Shall the people of Arkansas patiently submit to such abuse or nonuse of the power placed in his hands for their benefit? And now with this record of inactivity respecting the interests of the people of Arkansas, he comes bearing only promises while pleading for votes. The people are going to rely on Senator Clarke's record and not his promises. That record bears on its very face the stamp of insincerity. "By a man's deeds ye shall know him," but nowhere is it recorded that by man's promises made to serve his own interest shall he be judged.

If the senator possesses and fails to use the power conferred for the best interest of those who placed him in the position of which he boasts, there is but one logical conclusion and that is, that he lacks the disposition to serve the people, and possesses to a marked and unparalleled degree a desire for personal "grandeur."

It has not been many years ago since Senator Clarke was the invited guest of a Deep Water Committee, the object of which was to make navigable the Arkansas river which flows by Little Rock, the home of his adoption. The earnest effort of these men was met by the statement of Senator Clarke, that "he would do nothing to assist them and that it would be a good thing for the state if the river would dry up. This is the sort of consideration the people of Arkansas get, and these gentlemen who signed the statement referred to will not be able to throw dust in the eyes of Senator Clarke's neglected constituents, by pointing to what the gentleman has done for himself. They will wonder why he has received all, while they have received nothing, and they will draw their own conclusion of just why and how this was brought about.

The article referred to is conspicuous by its silence respecting the standard reactionary proclivities of Senator Clarke, and it is also noticeable by reason of its silence respecting the loyalty of Senator Clarke as a Democrat. The inference is that when nothing can be said that is favorable, these gentlemen have acted the part of wisdom by a discreet silence.

The people are aware of what Senator Clarke has failed to do for them, and they will never excuse him because he has so well looked after his own selfish interests.

Respectfully

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